

1930s and 1940s, Mrs. Downing raised a family and taught school. In the late 1940s, she returned to the study of architecture by assisting the newly founded Preservation Society of Newport County with a program to document and bring attention to the magnificent historic buildings in Newport. The effort produced the publication of *The Architectural Heritage of Newport, Rhode Island*, co-authored by Vincent J. Scully, Jr., in 1952.

In the 1950s, Mrs. Downing's scholarship turned into activism in the College Hill neighborhood of her adopted hometown of Providence, an area with many dilapidated and unappreciated historic buildings threatened by plans for demolition. Mrs. Downing and other residents, determined to maintain the character of this neighborhood, organized the Providence Preservation Society. A report, which she helped to research and write, *College Hill, A Demonstration Study of Historic Area Renewal* (1959), became the blueprint for the neighborhood's restoration and a national model for using historic preservation as a means of community renewal.

Through her hard work and conviction, Mrs. Downing made historic preservation part of every life in Rhode Island. Under her leadership, the Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission's statewide survey has identified about 50,000 historic buildings and sites in Rhode Island's 39 cities and towns. In all, more than 15,000 Rhode Island properties have been listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Furthermore, the reuse and rehabilitation of historic buildings has become an important part of the state's economy in the last decade.

Throughout Antoinette Downing's lifelong work has run the belief that our historic districts, structures, and sites are resources worth keeping. Her work has created for our time and coming generations a way of connecting to history while building links to the future. We remember and thank Antoinette for her tireless efforts to save our heritage. We are all the beneficiaries of her visionary leadership.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-1787. A communication from the Acting Deputy General Counsel for the Investment Division of the Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New Markets Venture Capital Program" (RIN3245-AE40) received on May 9, 2001; to the Committee on Small Business.

EC-1788. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disease Associated With Exposure to Certain Herbicide Agents: Type 2 Diabetes" (RIN2900-AK63) received on May 9, 2001; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1789. A communication from the Acting Executive Secretary, Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Administrator, Agency for International Development; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1790. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning Cuba; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1791. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bacillus Thuringiensis Cry3Bb1 and Cry2Ab2 Protein and the Genetic Material Necessary for its Production in Corn and Cotton; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL6781-6) received on May 9, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1792. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Rev. Proc. 2001-30" (Rev. Proc. 2001-34) received on May 9, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1793. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to Section 1886(e)(3) of the Social Security Act, a report of the initial estimate of the applicable percentage increase in hospital inpatient payment rates for Fiscal Year 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1794. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the evaluation of Medicare's competitive bidding demonstration for durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1795. A communication from the Executive Director of the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, transmitting the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1999 to September 30, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1796. A communication from the Chairman of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Health Care Privatization Emergency Amendment Act of 2001" (on an emergency basis); to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1797. A communication from the Chairman of the District of Columbia Financial

Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Health Care Privatization Emergency Amendment Act of 2001" (on a temporary basis); to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1798. A communication from the Chairman of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Health Care Privatization Emergency Amendment Act of 2001" (on a permanent basis); to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1799. A communication from the Chairman of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Fiscal Impact Statement: "Health Care Privatization Emergency Act of 2001" (Revised); to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1800. A communication from the Chairman of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a resolution and order concerning the Public Benefit Corporation; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1801. A communication from the Committee on the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a resolution and order concerning the transition to a new health care system; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1802. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel of Regulations, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Regulations—Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants Program" (RIN 1840-AC65) received on May 9, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1803. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Regulations—Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program" received on May 9, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1804. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Regulations; Interpretation—Gaining Early Awareness for Undergraduate Programs" received on May 9, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1805. A communication from the White House Liaison for the Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Director of the Office for Victims of Crime, Department of Justice; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1806. A communication from the White House Liaison for the Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, Department of Justice; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1807. A communication from the White House Liaison for the Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1808. A communication from the White House Liaison for the Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of